

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Anderson *et al.***Application No.** 10/562,309**Filed:** May 24, 2007**Confirmation No.** 9426**FILED VIA EFS****For:** GENERATION OF PLANTS WITH
IMPROVED DROUGHT TOLERANCE**Examiner:** Phuong T. Bui**Art Unit:** 1638**Attorney Reference No.** 7896-72616-02

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the non-final Office action dated November 12, 2010. A three-month shortened period of response was set, making a response timely if filed on or before February 12, 2011. As this date falls on a Saturday, the response is timely filed on **Monday, February 14, 2011**. It is believed that no fees are required for this filing. However, if the Commissioner determines that fees are required, Applicants hereby gives permission to take such fees from Deposit Account 02-4550.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.

Exhibit A (1 page) is submitted herewith.